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1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH KEY FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS,
BOTH ON THE POLITICAL AND ASSISTANCE SIDES OF THE HOUSE,
THE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER ESTIMATES WE NOW HAVE OF THE
REFUGEE PROBLEM. SWEDISH OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN RELYING ON
UNHCR ESTIMATES, WHICH HAVE YET TO CATCH UP TO OURS.

3. THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN RESPONSIVE
IN THE PAST. IN RESPONSE TO UNHCR'S JULY APPEAL, THE GOS
CONTRIBUTED IN SEPTEMBER 2 MILLION SEK (SOMEWHAT LESS
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THAN 500 THOUSAND DOLLARS), BRINGING THE TOTAL SWEDISH

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CONTRIBUTION THIS YEAR TO 6.5 MILLION SEK. (EARLIER CONTRIBUTIONS WERE REPORTED IN STOCKHOLM 0007 AND 2307.) THIS PROGRAM IS BEING GIVEN SOME PRIORITY BY SWEDISH AUTHORITIES, ALONG WITH SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA AND AFRICA. ADDITIONAL DISBURSEMENTS CAN BE EXPECTED OUT OF THIS FISCAL YEAR'S 214 MILLION SEK DISASTER RELIEF RESERVE IN RESPONSE TO APPEALS FROM SWEDEN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES. BUT, SWEDISH INITIATIVES OUTSIDE THIS FRAMEWORK ARE NOT LIKELY, NOR IS IT AT ALL LIKELY THAT SWEDEN WILL TAKE AFRICAN REFUGEES. ONLY THE MOST URGENT UNHCR APPEAL WOULD OVERCOME THE STRONG RELUCTANCE TO TAKE ON A NEW DIFFICULT-TO-ASSIMILATE LANGUAGE GROUP WHILE SWEDISH IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES ARE STILL WORKING THEIR WAY THROUGH THE VIETNAMESE PROBLEM. (SEE STOCKHOLM 4027).
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